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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Viewpoint Changed

MR Foster Dulles' new-found confidence in the eventual unification of Western Europe is a matter for satisfaction. That the American Secretary of State is able to render favourable report on his tour of the countries which have signed the European Defence Community treaty also illustrates the value of an on-the-spot investigation to correct preconceptions. Before he and Mr Stassen left the United States for Europe, Mr Dulles gave the impression that he was going to wield the big stick in order to bring the EDC signatories to a full sense of their responsibilities. But the indications are that Mr Dulles discovered there was little real cause for chastisement. Ratification of such a far-reaching institutional treaty as the EDC cannot be expected quickly. Federation may be the most obvious action in the eyes of Americans, but it is not such a simple undertaking for nations whose traditions have for so long been based on sovereign independence, whose languages differ, and whose constitutions vary. That it has been possible to agree to establish a defence community, and to create an economic partnership such as the coal and steel pool community, represent developments of profound importance.

MR Dulles now believes that the European Defence Community will be ratified by its six signatories. But if this does not transpire immediately he and American public opinion must not become impatient. Strong and quite genuine prejudices remain against the proposed European Army—particularly in France. The opposition cannot be brushed aside as being something illogical or inconsequential. And it can probably only be won over if the United States Administration makes it clear that while the European countries are prepared to offer a maximum contribution towards unification, America is willing to continue to render the fullest possible assistance. It may be taken for granted this point was given due emphasis by the EDC signatories during discussions with Mr Dulles, and that he, himself, is not unaware of the necessity for the quid pro quo.

RUSSIAN LEGATION WRECKED

BY BOMB

Several Officials Gravely Injured NIGHT OUTRAGE IN TEL AVIV

Tel Aviv, Feb. 9.

The wife of the Soviet Minister to Israel, Madame Pavel Ershov, was among several Soviet citizens taken to hospital here tonight when a bomb exploded in the Soviet Legation here and completely wrecked the building.

At least four officials of the Legation were said to have been gravely hurt, but Legation officials prevented Israeli police from entering the wreckage of the building in order to remove the injured. As a result ambulance crews had to wait outside.

Damage inside the Legation was said to be considerable and unconfirmed reports said that the explosion—probably instigated by former Jewish terrorists—was caused by a bomb of great explosive power that had been placed in position through a hole bored in the wall of the Legation. It was believed to have been touched off from outside by an electrically-controlled detonator.

The explosion was understood to have completely wrecked two rooms in the Legation.

In addition to Madame Ershov, who is said to be progressing, the known casualties were another woman, a member of the Legation staff and the Legation's chauffeur.

The outrage followed a violent anti-Soviet outcry throughout the whole country as a result of the "Jewish Doctors' Plot" announced by the Russians in January.

Many injured persons were believed to have been trapped in the debris of the wrecked Legation building.

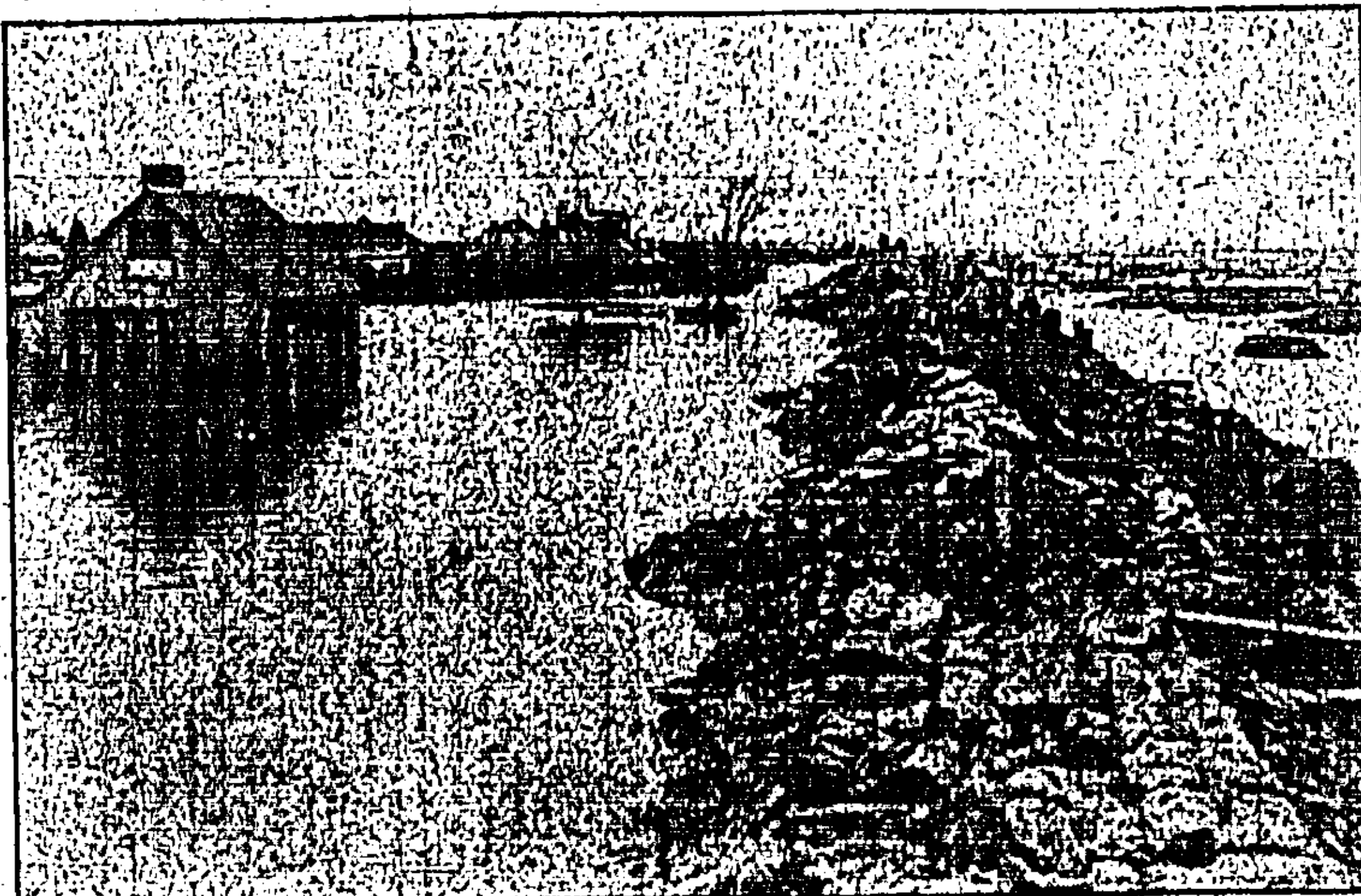
Three ambulances were rushed to the scene as soon as the outrage had been reported.

The four seriously injured officials were removed to hospital. Police forbade the hospital authorities to reveal any details as to their identity.

Former groups of terrorists, who operated against the British during the mandate in Palestine, have recently been sending threatening messages to the Soviet Legation, which it was understood, had not taken them seriously.

An official of the Legation would only say that there had been a violent explosion and that the damage was serious. He refused to give any more information.—France-Press.

The Battle Of The Breaches



STOP PRESS

SOUTH AFRICA 402 FOR 3

Melbourne, Feb. 10.
An invaluable seventh wicket stand by Cheetham and Mansell, which realised 111 runs, brought South Africa's score in the fifth and final Test match against Australia today to 402 at the luncheon adjournment for eight wickets.

Both Cheetham and Mansell, after giving a magnificent batting display, were dismissed in the last over of the morning—victims of Bill Johnston.

Mansell went first, leg before, after carrying his over-night score of 10 to 22 and Cheetham was dismissed three balls later—the last ball of the morning—when he nicked to McDonald after scoring 66. He was 27 not out last night.—Reuter.

Embassy Officials Ordered To Leave

Belgrade, Feb. 9.
Yugoslavia today gave three top ranking officials of the Bulgarian Embassy here five days to clear out of the country.

The action, close to but not quite a formal diplomatic break, represents a new low point in relations between Yugoslavia and the Russian-dominated Cominform satellite east of her.

It was taken in retaliation against what the Yugoslav government has termed "insulting discrimination" against Yugoslavians' diplomats in Sofia.

The Yugoslav Foreign Office, in a formal note 10 days ago, set today as a deadline for equalising the status of the Yugoslav mission in Sofia with that of Bulgaria's mission in Belgrade.

DEMANDS REJECTED
The Bulgarian government subsequently replied. Details of the answer were not disclosed here, but it obviously rejected Yugoslavia's demands.

The Yugoslav government's Information Service called the reply "unsatisfactory" and said that the terms of the note of 10 days ago would be carried out. Those called for the ouster within five days of Bulgaria's present Embassy Councillor here, her Military Attaché and her First Secretary. In effect, the action will leave only token diplomatic relations between Yugoslavia and its Balkan neighbour. Neither country has an Ambassador on duty in the other's capital.

It will cut the Bulgarian diplomatic representation here down to a single attaché. Yugoslavia has had only one attaché in Sofia since last June, when other members of the staff there were expelled.—Associated Press.

Jewish Boy Beaten Up

Newton, Mass., Feb. 9.
Five teenagers, accused of beating Edward Berger, 14, because he was a Jew, were arraigned at the special Juvenile Court session today on 27 charges, including assault with a dangerous weapon, disturbing the peace and possession of illegal weapons.

The youths, quickly rounded up after the attack on Berger on Saturday night, made no plea and were ordered to be held on \$500 bail each until the hearing on February 27.

The police chief, Philip Purcell, said he intended to minimise the racial and religious aspects of the case.—United Press.

N.Y. Vice Trial PUBLIC AND PRESS BARRED

New York, Feb. 9.
The Press and the public were barred today from the vice trial of Minot Jelke by Judge Francis Valente, who said that he ruled "in the interests of our youth and to prevent catering to vulgar sensationalism if not actual depravity."

The Judge ruled that the "People's Case"—the Prosecution—should remain secret but friends and relatives of Jelke would be allowed to hear the evidence. The defence's case would, presumably, be aired in an open court but there was no specific ruling.

Judge Valente said that he had watched for weeks "with growing uneasiness" the growing public anticipation of lurid and salacious details. He added that he was led to believe that the case would be "stepped in filth" from what he had heard when the Assistant District Attorney, Mr. Anthony Leibler, delivered his opening statement to the jury on Friday, particularly concerning 19-year-old Auburn hunk Pat Ward and her expected testimony that she made between \$10,000 and \$15,000 in some 20 weeks of work as a prostitute for Jelke.

Judge Valente noted that publicity on the trial had even been reported in a ship's newspaper, somewhere in the Caribbean last summer and that it later displaced the Presidential message from front pages.

He said that he also had been shocked to note that the Press of three continents were on hand to report the trial. "The reaction of this Court to all the foregoing was revulsion and nausea," Judge Valente said.—United Press.

Home-made Bomb Explodes In Prison

Washington, Feb. 9.
A home-made bomb exploded in the Administration building of the Washington State prison just before noon today.

Two men were injured critically and several others slightly.

The bomb, contained in a six-ounce medicine bottle, was found earlier today in a cell and taken to the warden's office, where it was being examined when it exploded.

Names of the men who made the bomb were believed to be known.—Reuter.

Ironie Retort By Churchill

London, Feb. 9.
Prime Minister Winston Churchill glibbed at Russia in the House of Commons today over the recent arrest of nine Soviet doctors accused of murdering Soviet leaders.

Mr Emanuel Shinwell, Labour Defence Minister, had accused him of "running away as fast as his legs would carry him" from a meeting with Marshal Stalin and President Eisenhower.

Mr Churchill said: "We must try to understand the general position as it moves. 'I think we in this country would feel very severe domestic preoccupations making it difficult to have conversations with heads of governments if for instance so many of our best doctors were being charged with poisoning so many of our best politicians.'"

NOT ENCOURAGED
Before this Mr E. Hughes, Labour, had asked if Mr Churchill's attention had been drawn to Marshal Stalin's official statement that he still believed war could not be regarded as inevitable and that he favoured a smoothing of heads of states to discuss the international situation.

Mr Hughes asked what Mr Churchill now proposed to do to bring about such a meeting.

"Mr Churchill replied: 'I am, of course, always ready to consider any proposals which would effectively reduce international tension, but the attitude of the Soviet Government in regard to these issues outstanding between us does not encourage me to think that a meeting would in present circumstances lead to this result.'—Reuter.

Cause Of Fires Still Mystery

London, Feb. 9.
Transport Minister Alan Lennox-Boyd told the House of Commons today that inquiries had so far failed to find the cause of the fires which broke out on the liner Queen Elizabeth at Southampton on January 28 and 29.

The fires did little damage but they worried police and shipping companies because they came only three days after fire gutted another trans-Atlantic giant, the Empress of Canada, as she lay in dry dock at Liverpool.—Reuter.

Farmers Picket A Dairy

Dublin, Feb. 9.
Sixteen Irish farmers were arrested today while picketing a dairy in a 12-day strike for more money for their milk.

The farmers, remanded on bail, were charged with unlawful assembly and obstruction.—Reuter.

Holland May Build A "Closed Coastline"

The Hague, Feb. 9.
Holland may give her vulnerable island situated in the province of Zeeland a "closed coastline" to prevent repetition of last week's flood disaster, Premier Willem Drees announced tonight.

This would mean shutting all the sea arms except the Scheldt Estuary and the outlet of Rotterdam, he said in a note to members of Parliament.

The giant reclamation scheme in the Zuider Zee may have to be slowed down.

Steps are to be taken to make warning and aid services more reliable, the Premier stated.

He gave these estimates of the country's losses: 4,395 dead—"further increase feared"; 133,000 acres of cultivated soil flooded;

Between 40,000 and 50,000 cattle, pigs, sheep, and horses and 100,000 fowls lost.

He said reconstruction would be a task of "war damage" footing and that the Government would pay the bill for damage to private property not covered by insurance.—Reuter.

BLIZZARDS FOLLOW

Amsterdam, Feb. 9.
New blizzards driving like icy whiplashes over the Dutch floodlands brought further hazards and misery today to the men repairing Holland's shattered dykes.

The wind-whipped water, snow, and ice complicated the engineering problems of the ceaseless effort to end temporarily the vast protective network before the next flood tides on February 16. Government engineers thought they could do the job.

The rough weather, however, threatened to ground Dutch, American and British planes flying in vital supplies. The men handling the picks and shovels were chilled by the bitter cold.

Despite bad weather, three of Holland's young Princesses flew over the snow-framed flood areas on Sunday.

Their father, Prince Bernhard, sent Princesses Beatrix, 35, Irene, 15, and Margriet, 10, into the sky because, he explained, young as they were, he felt they should

Thousands of workers—Services and civilian—are desperately working to fill the breaches made by the floods along Britain's east and southeast coastline. These two pictures above show men of the Royal Air Force getting on with the difficult task at Canvey Island, one of the worst hit areas. They are sealing with sandbags some of the 40 gaps torn in the sea defences.—Central Press Photographs.



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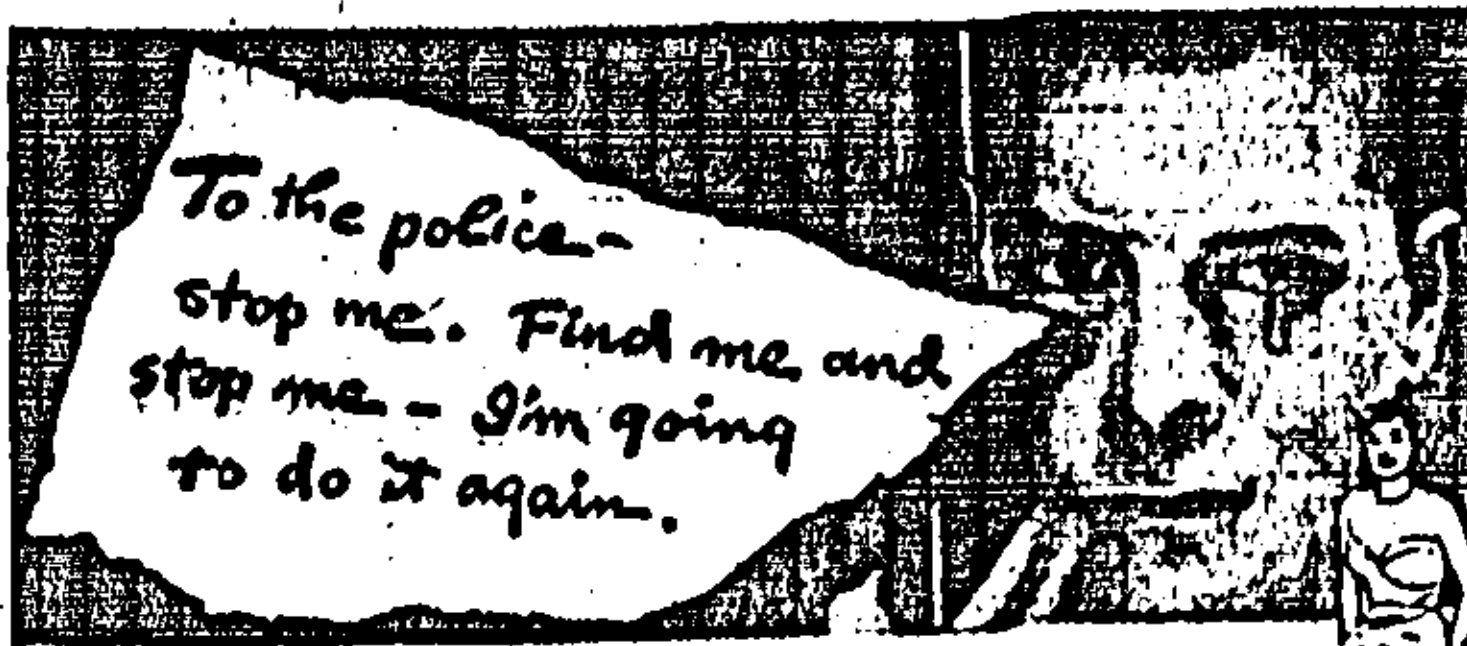
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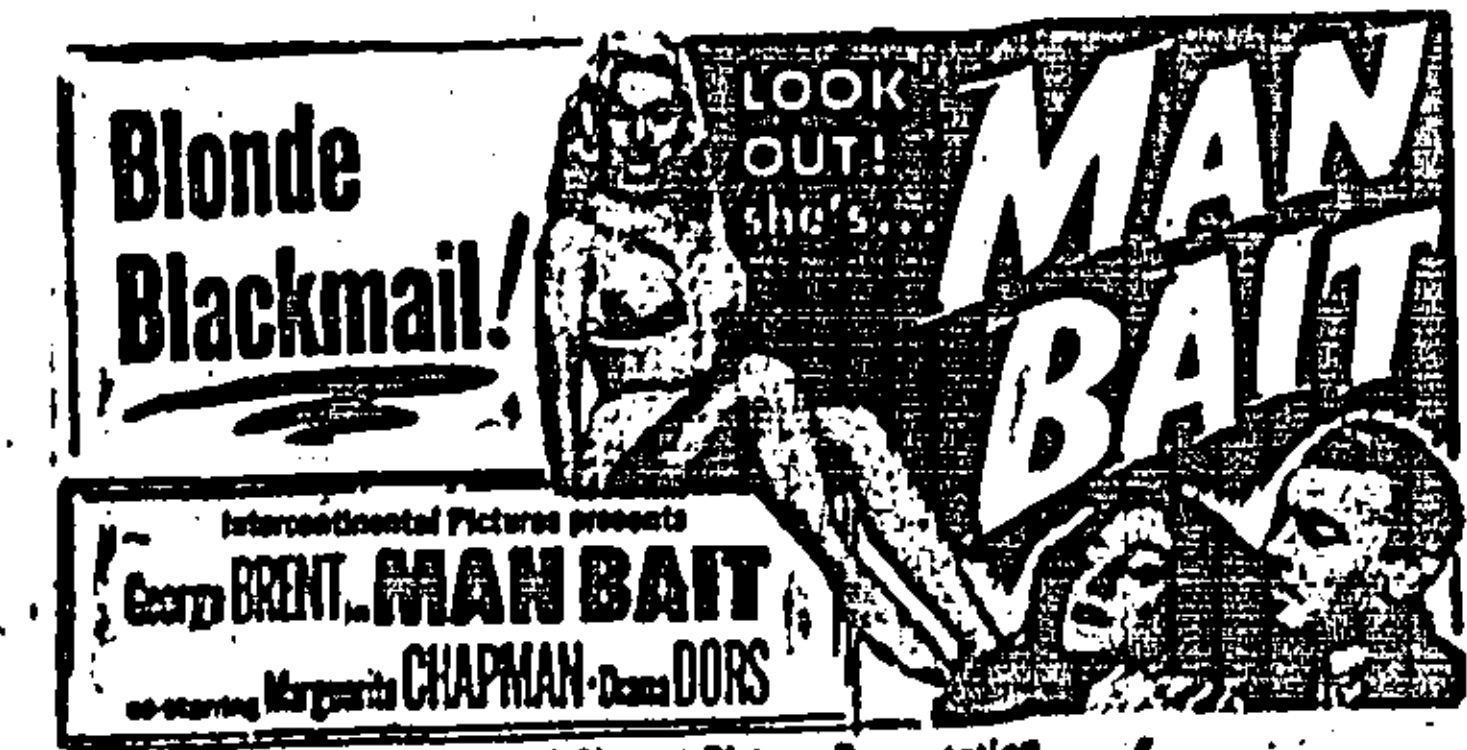
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Britain Opposes U.S. On Yalta Pact Repudiation

Would Set A Bad Precedent

London, Feb. 9.

The United States has told Britain it favours scrapping the secret wartime pact ceding Japan's Kurile Islands and South Sakhalin to Russia, informed officials said today.

Britain is reported to be against the move although ready to admit the status of two islands in the Kurile group is "doubtful". The two islands under Russian occupation are Shikotin and Habbomai.

In response to a British inquiry during the conference last week, the American Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles, made his Government's view known. He explained that President Eisenhower was referring, indirectly, to a part of the Yalta Agreement when he said in his State of the Union speech on February 2 that the U.S. would not recognize secret understandings permitting the "enclavement" of any peoples.

A section of the Yalta pact kept secret at the time promised that Russia would get back the Kuriles and South Sakhalin when peace was made with Japan. Russia occupied the islands at the end of the war. They belonged to Russia before the Japanese-Russian War at the turn of the century.

The view of the Foreign Office is that the intended American act of repudiation is academic at this time.

For one thing, the informants said, Russia controls the islands in fact and in law. (de facto and de jure).

whether they belong to the Kurile group. They are shown on some maps to be within the group. On others they are shown outside the group.

The Foreign Office refused to comment today on Tokyo reports saying the U.S. is "favourably" considering a Japanese request for the non-military administration of Okinawa, and the Bonin and other islands in the Pacific under American occupation. Officials presumed Britain would be consulted if the Japanese request involves an amendment to the peace treaty.—Associated Press.

17 WOMEN BRUTALLY MURDERED

Hanover, Feb. 9.

West German Police have founded a special commission to investigate 17 brutal killings of women along West Germany's super-highway—the "Autobahn".

The Police thought last November that the murderer was caught when they arrested 32-year-old Bernhard Prigan at Mannheim on November 17. Prigan, as evidence showed, had later admitted he had brutally killed at least three girls and women along the Autobahn. The Police officially described him as a "sex maniac".

But while the Police were still busy trying to collect evidence to prove that Prigan was also responsible for more than a dozen similar killings, another woman was brutally murdered only a few feet away from the super-highway.

The Police said that special investigators would work from Mannheim, in south-west Germany, to intensify the hunt for "Killer No. 2". It is believed he still at large somewhere on West Germany's highways.—United Press.

Supping With Fairly Long Spoons

London, Feb. 9.

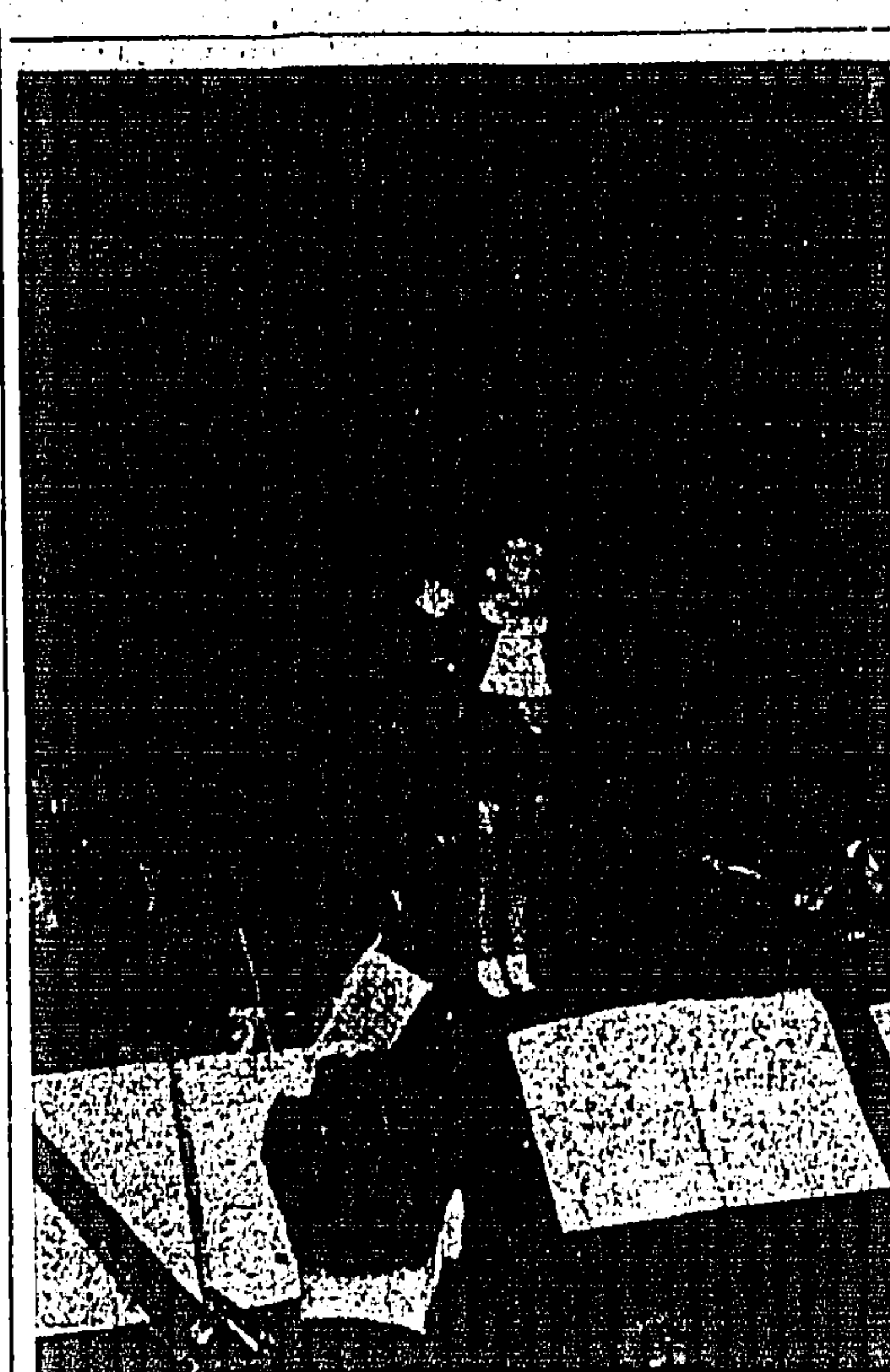
The Manchester Guardian suggested today that Joseph Stalin received the new Argentine Ambassador for an interview in Moscow because Russia sees President Juan Peron as a "potential useful ally" against the United States.

The Ambassador, Leopoldo Bravo, saw Stalin on Saturday. He was the first foreign envoy to have a personal interview since Louis Joye of France did so last August.

The Manchester Guardian commented: "The language of President Peron's propaganda, not only in his own country but throughout Latin America, runs to denunciations of 'American imperialism' and 'exploitation' by the agents of Wall Street which are not unlike Moscow's daily output."

"The President, as the leading advocate of economic nationalism in the continent, may look to the Soviet government like a potentially useful ally."

"But although it may suit both the President and the Marshal (Stalin) to sup together it seems likely that they will both use fairly long spoons."—Associated Press.



Franco Medori (8), the latest boy wonder conductor in Italy, conducts the orchestra at the New Theatre, Viterbo, near Rome. After the performance he was given a tremendous reception and was awarded the gold medal of musical merit.—(London Express Photo).

No Tax Cut Agreed By Republican Leaders

Washington, Feb. 9.

President Eisenhower and Republican Congressional leaders agreed today on an 11-point legislative programme including Taft-Hartley labour law revisions and the Tideland Bill but reached no decision on taxes.

Senate Republican leader Robert Taft said after a two-hour White House conference that taxes were discussed but added that there obviously would have to be tax legislation but that both he and President Eisenhower felt that there should be no tax cuts until the budget was balanced.

Mr Taft said that while taxes were not included in the 11-point list that would have to be considered at this session, some kind of tax legislation definitely would be passed. He added that such legislation might include a bill to ration present taxes on a pending one to cut personal income taxes five and a half per cent this year.

Mr Taft said that he did not feel that excess profits tax should be allowed to expire on June 30 as scheduled. But he said that if the Congress wished he expected the House and the Senate to permit excess profits tax and an 11 per cent individual income tax increase to die together.

The 11 per cent income tax increase was voted shortly after the Korean war started and is due to expire soon. Chairman Daniel Reed of the Tax Rating House Ways and Means Committee has introduced a bill to move the expiration date up to June 30.—United Press.

Tracking Down The Weather

Florence, Feb. 10. Weather experts from America, Britain, France, Turkey, Greece and Italy will meet at Allied Air Forces Southern Europe headquarters here today to discuss increased cooperation between weather organizations in the Mediterranean area.—Reuter.

Eisenhower Under Fire On Mrs. Luce's Post

Washington, Feb. 9.

The Protestant Church Group has challenged the new administration to say whether Clare Boothe Luce is "openly or covertly" to become a diplomatic representative to the Vatican.

President Eisenhower has named Mrs Luce as Ambassador to Italy.

Glenn Archer, Executive Director, sent a message to the President and members of the Senate:

"Mrs Luce is a lady of distinction and ability but what will her job be? Newspapers say as Ambassador to Italy she is expected also to maintain close association with the Vatican.

"Surely the leaders of the new administration aren't going to make the error of attempting openly or covertly to resume a diplomatic alliance with the Vatican. This type of alliance has been overwhelmingly repudiated by the American people..."—Associated Press.

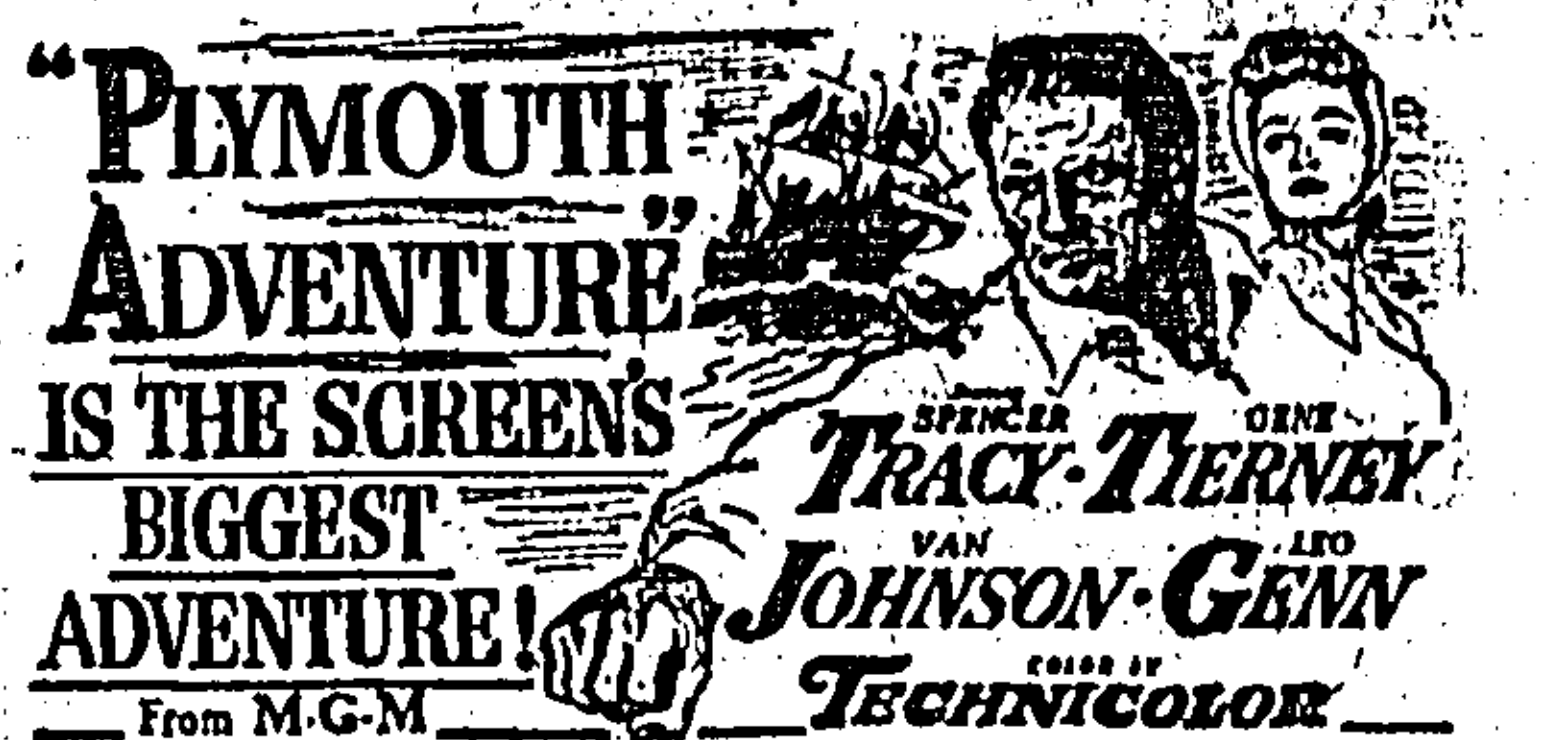
Death Of India's Defence Minister

Madras, Feb. 10.

India's Defence Minister, Sir N. Gopalaswami Ayyangar, died here early today.—Reuter.

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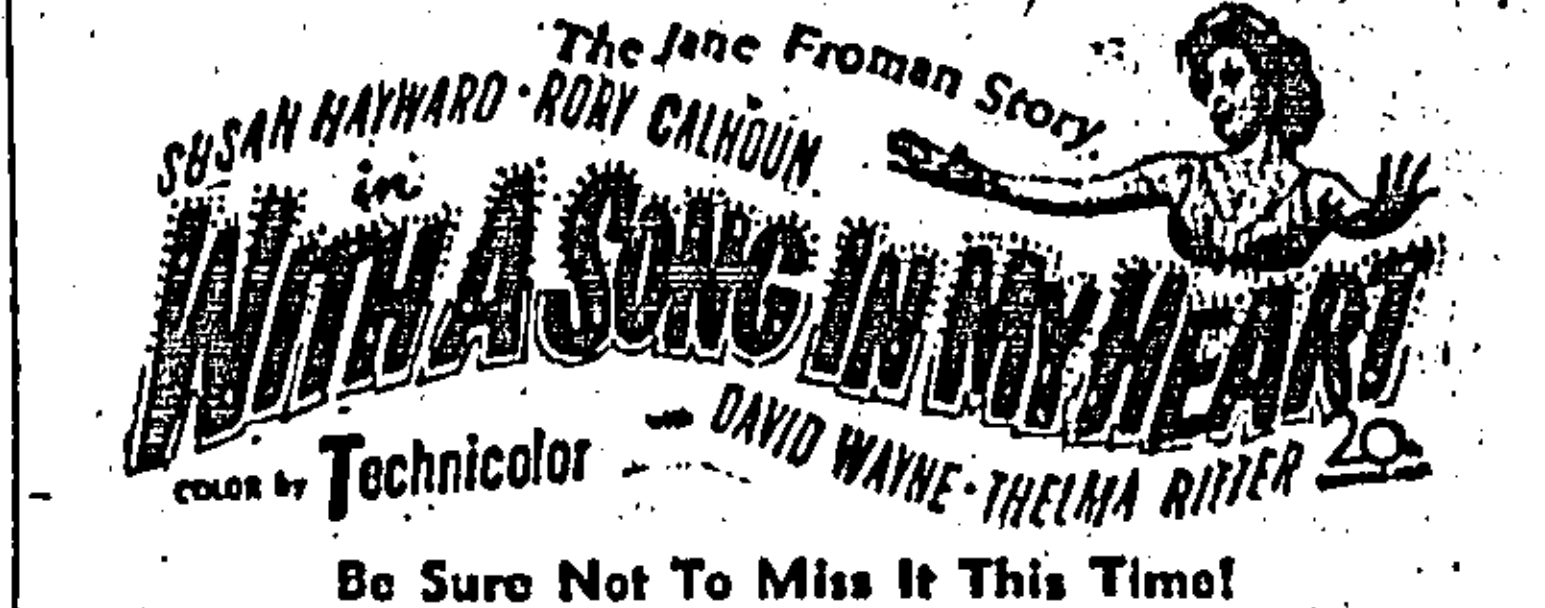


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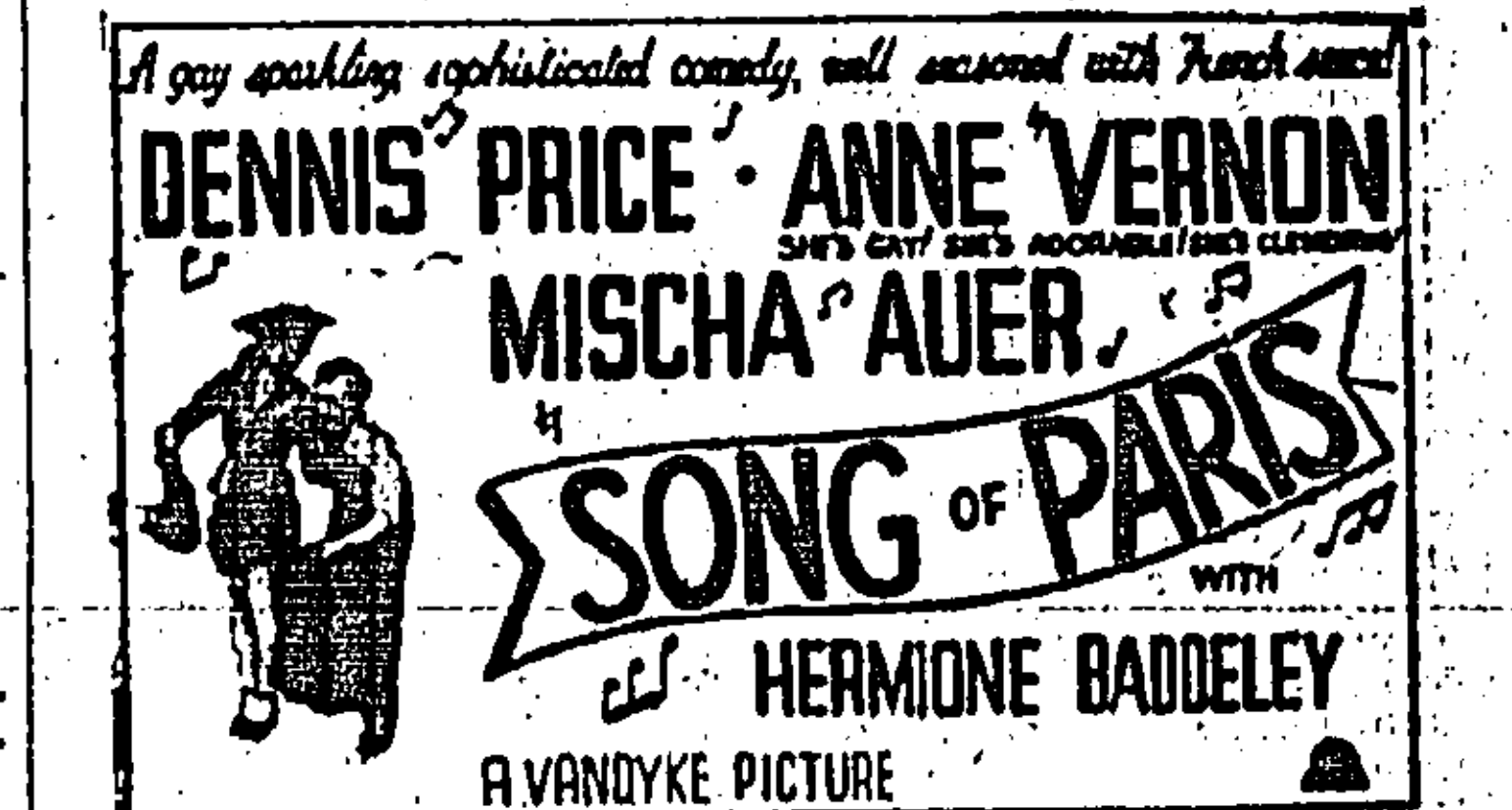


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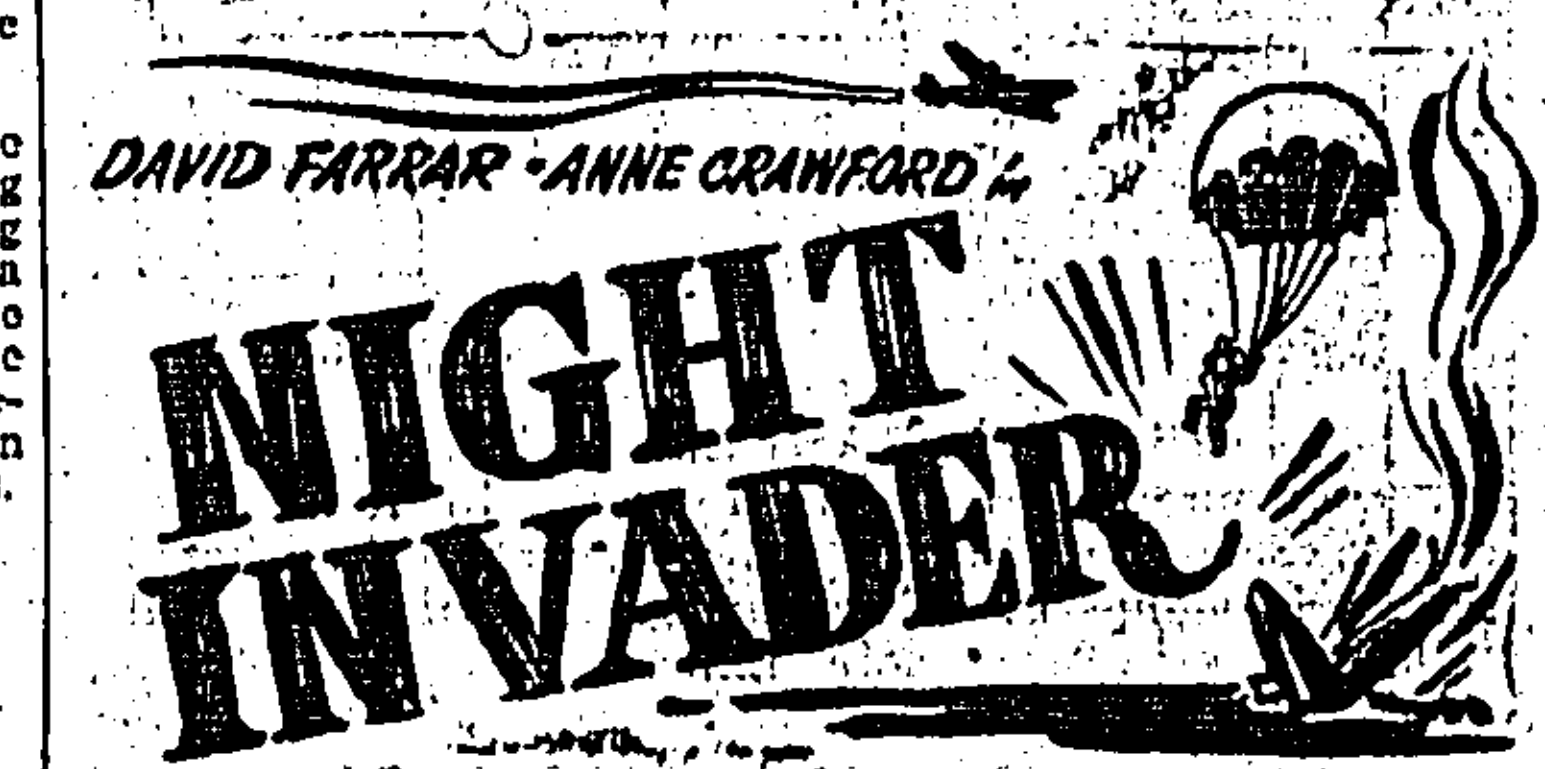
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U.S. Ambassador Gets Knuckle Rap In Washington

GLOOMY COMMENT ON PERSIA OUTLOOK

Washington, Feb. 9.

The State Department today dissociated itself from a letter sent by Mr. J. Rives Childs, retiring United States Ambassador to Ethiopia, that partition of Persia might be inevitable.

Mr. Childs, for many years a State Department specialist on Near East affairs, said the United States faced the alternative of seeing the Russians take over all of Persia or "if we are sufficiently farsighted" only the northern half.

The statement was made in a letter to Mr. Henry Byrond, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern, South Asian and African Affairs.

A State Department spokesman said today the views in Mr. Childs' letter were purely his own and not those of the United States Government.

"The Department reports that the letter should not have been made public," he added.

The New York Times' chief correspondent reported in a dispatch from Lisbon that the letter said the United States "should, with or without the conjunction of the British, lend every possible support to a Persian Government sympathetic to the Western world in the southern half of Persia."

DOWN THE DRAIN

The correspondent said the letter written by Mr. J. Rives Childs was sent to the State Department and copies were sent to several United States diplomatic missions abroad.

The Ambassador's recommendations were personal, he said, and did not in any sense constitute official United States policy.

"The correspondent quoted Mr. Childs' letter as saying in part: 'Persia is destined to fall and is falling into anarchy. The money we are pouring into Persia is money thrown down a drain.'—Reuter.

Steel Pool Under Way

Luxembourg, Feb. 10.

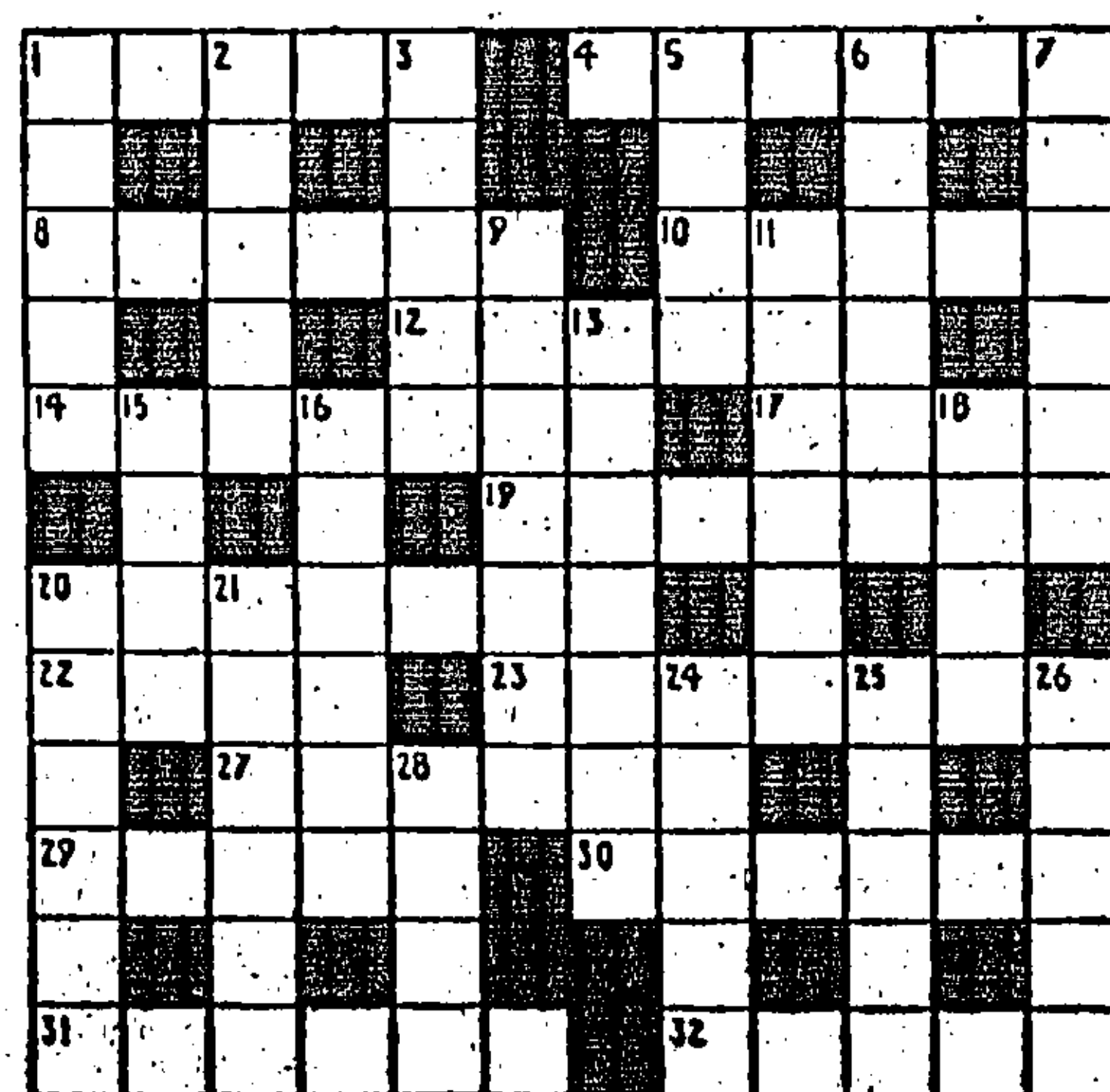
Europe's first common market will come into being today when the governing body of the European Coal and Steel Community opens a single market for coal, iron ore and scrap.

This was announced by M. Jean Monnet, President of the Community at a press conference here last night.

All Customs duties, quotas, double pricing and transport discriminations will come to an end among the six-member nations—Belgium, France, Holland, Italy, Luxembourg and West Germany.

M. Monnet also announced that a similar common market for steel would be established on April 10.—Reuter.

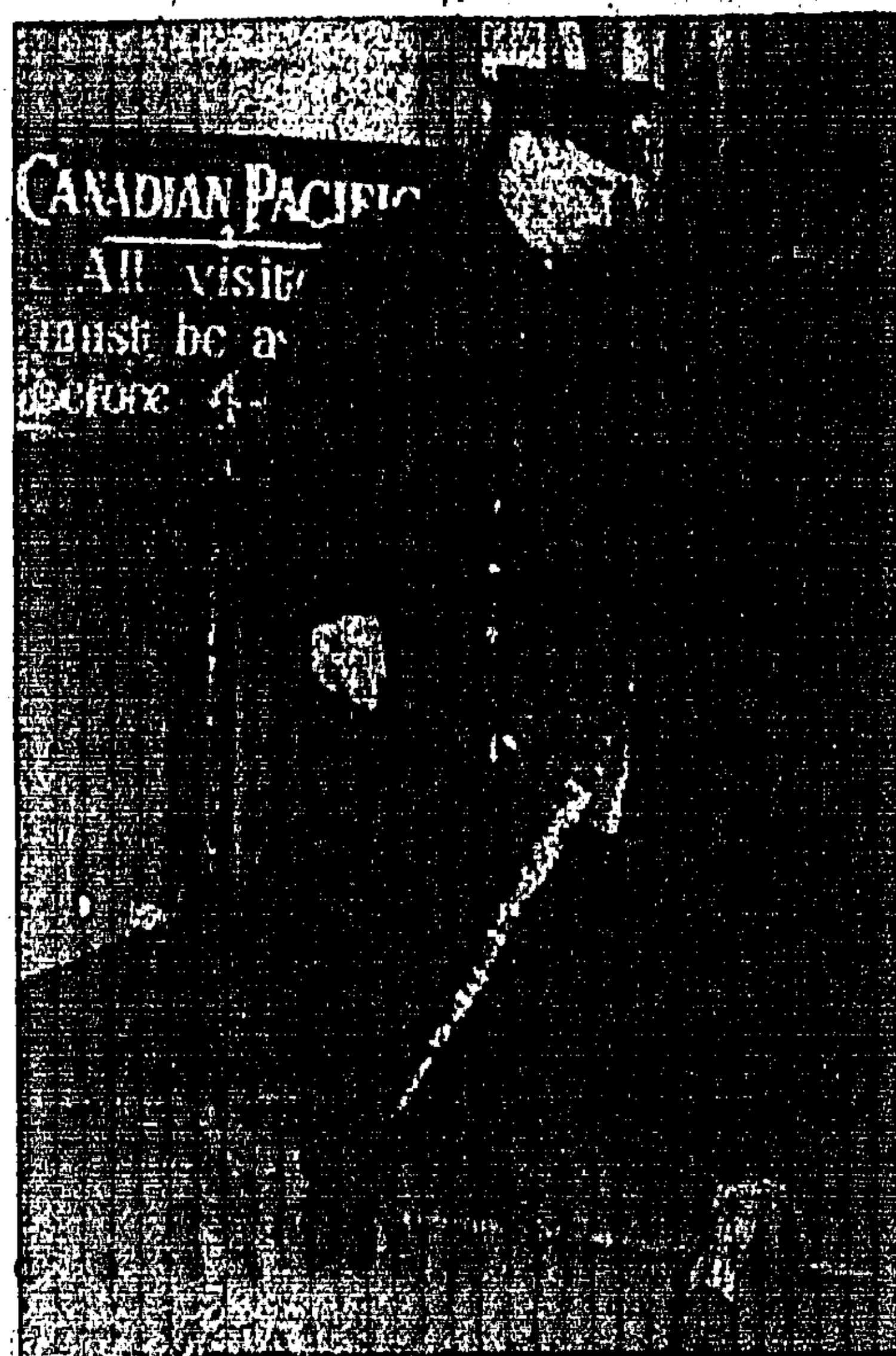
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 12. Bashful.
 14. Go before.
 17. Experiment.
 19. Deceives.
 20. Taciturnity.
 22. Stupid fellow.
 23. Expressed.
 27. Heat gently.
 29. Commence.
 30. Spruce.
 31. Bargain.
 32. Inclination.
- DOWN**
1. Clutch.
 2. Froth.
 3. Monster.
 6. Joined.
 7. Negotiates.
 9. Small portion.
 11. Shrewd.
 13. Expunged.
 15. Bar.
 16. Believe.
 18. Dry.
 21. Block a wheel.
 24. Coasting to poachers.
 25. Region.
 26. Indian coin.
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Security Measures



Following the disastrous fire which completely gutted the Empress of Canada in Liverpool and recent fire scares on the Queen Elizabeth at Southampton, passengers and visitors boarding the liner Empress of France are closely scrutinised by the Master at Arms.—(London Express Photo).

Seventh Fleet's Enthusiasm Trifle Punctured

Washington, Feb. 9.

Navy Headquarters today punctured the enthusiastic Seventh Fleet claim that four "new type" guided-missile ships could go into action in the Far East very soon if needed.

Mail Bags Destroyed In Ship Blaze

Philadelphia, Feb. 9.

More than a dozen firemen were made ill or overcome by smoke while battling a blaze in the hold of a Swedish cargo ship here today.

The fire destroyed mail destined for American servicemen in Europe and damaged diplomatic correspondence. Quick work by the captain and crew of the Volvo Steamship Company's 6,500-ton freighter Othem prevented serious damage.

The deputy Fire Marshal, Paul Earlestein, said a spark from an acetylene torch apparently ignited the straw matting separating the mail bags. The fire flared quickly and two alarms were sounded. The flames died down after about 20 minutes.

Captain Karl Hammarstrom and his crew of 41 worked with the firemen to get some mail bags to safety. The ship was carrying about 1,500 sacks of mail and was to have sailed for New York after part of her cargo was unloaded here.—United Press.

Big Three Refuse Soviet Demand

London, Feb. 9.

Britain, France and the United States refused Russian demands to withdraw their shortened eight-point draft for an Austrian State Treaty at today's meeting of the Foreign Ministers' Deputies here. The United States Deputy, Mr. Walter Dowling, said after the meeting tonight.

Soviet Deputy Andrei Gromyko said no date had been arranged for a further meeting.

"Withdrawal of the eight-point draft has been demanded by Russia as a condition for attending further sessions of the conference of Deputies of the Big Four Foreign Ministers for the Austrian Treaty."

Mr. Dowling told Reuter today that the refusal to withdraw the shortened treaty was made unanimously by the three Western Deputies.—Reuter.

Britain To Push Ahead With Scheme To Unite Rhodesias

London, Feb. 9.

The conference of the Central African Federation, which started in London last month, has ended and it now appears certain that Britain intends to push ahead with the scheme to unite Northern and Southern Rhodesia and Nyasaland despite the objections of some 4,000,000 Africans.

The chief delegates to the conference—Mr. Commonwealth Relations Secretary Lord Ewington, the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Oliver Lyttelton, the Southern Rhodesia Prime Minister, Sir Godfrey Huggins, the Northern Rhodesia Governor, Sir Gilbert Renne, and Sir Godfrey Colby, Governor of Nyasaland—signed the final draft of the Government's White Paper on Federation on January 22.

Official sources do not give any details of the final draft but say that it deals with all the practical issues—the interdependence of the three territories' economies, the advantages of Federal Government and a Federal judicial system.

To those who oppose it—mainly tribal chieftains in Nyasaland and Northern Rhodesia—federation has become a bogey associated with all the things they fear: white domination, loss of the land rights and restrictive native laws.

Officials said that the draft White Paper would take "full account" of African opinion and that no attempt would be made to impose federation against majority opinion.

The scheme has yet to be approved by referendum in Southern Rhodesia, as well as the Legislative Councils in Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland and the British Parliament.

Already there are signs that the scheme will be strongly opposed in the British Parliament by Liberal and Labour members.

Opposition is also reported to be strong in Nyasaland and Northern Rhodesia where Africans feel that federation would result in the racial policies similar to those practised in the South African Union.—United Press.

The Common Heritage

Singapore, Feb. 9.

Sir John Nicol, Governor of Singapore, accepting the Indian government's gift of a special copy of their Constitution, said today it demonstrated bonds of "a Parliamentary system of government which is our common heritage."

"The Constitution of a country whose peoples have achieved self-government still affirms their earnest desire to remain within the Commonwealth and will serve to remind us of the bonds that unite the component parts of that great and free association of member nations with the Queen as its head," Sir John added.

The gift was made to the Singapore branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association of which Sir John is President. It was formally presented by Mr. Gopala Menon, the Indian government's representative in Malaya.—Reuter.

The Oradour Massacre

Bordeaux, Feb. 9.

The State prosecutor today demanded the death sentence for former SS Sergeant George Rene Bods, one of the two Alsatian volunteers alleged to have taken part in the Oradour massacre.

As for the other volunteer, a private and twelve Alsatians who were pressed into service with the SS, he asked for hard labour or penal servitude, leaving the court to fix the terms.—Reuter.

Burma's Allegation Against Nationalists

Rangoon, Feb. 9.

The Burmese War Office today produced what it claimed was further documentary evidence that Chinese Nationalist guerrillas were collaborating with Karen rebels in Burma.

It published photostat copies of a message which called on a Chinese general to help a rebel unit.

The War Office issued a statement quoting documentary evidence of a pact between the Nationalist guerrillas and the Karens. This allegation was later denied by a military spokesman of General Chiang Kai-shek's government in Formosa.

The War Office statement today expressed the fear that many of the arms supplied by the Nationalists to the Karen rebels might fall into the hands of Communist rebels, who recently signed a pact with the Karens for joint military operations against the government.

Burma's apprehension over the collaboration of the Nationalists with local rebels assumed new importance with reports that warring sections of Communist rebels had agreed on a ceasefire, among themselves to form a united command against the government.

These reports said White Flag Stalinist Communists and Red Flag Trotskyite Communists, who had been fighting each other for years, had signed the pact. Members of the People's Volunteer Organization made up of ex-soldiers had also joined in this agreement.

The pact looked forward to renewed rebel activity against the government with new arms.—Reuter.

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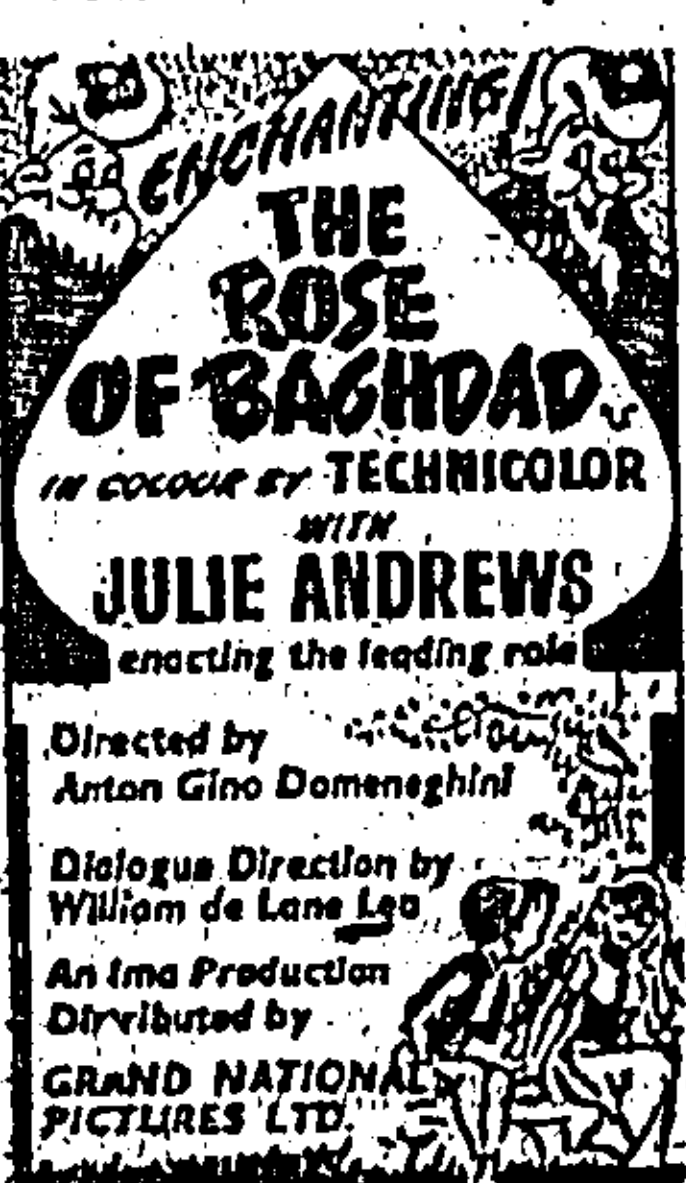
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London. Britain is still stunned by the dual disasters—the loss of the Princess Victoria in the Irish sea and the havoc in Eastern coastal areas—resulting from the recent violent gales.

These stark tragedies took a heavy toll of human life.

Unhappily, this century has been studded with incidents where flooding has brought great suffering. In its opening year, 1800, two hundred people were drowned in Japan. The year afterwards, China's Yangtze River overflowed with appalling loss of life.

In 1926, America's "Mighty Mo"—the Mississippi—burst its banks, drowning 150 people and rendering 150,000 more homeless.

In 1934 India's sacred River Ganges engulfed fifty entire villages.

And thirteen years later, the world experienced one of

the worst flood years in recent history. America, Japan, Turkey, and India all encountered disasters—both Japan and Turkey reporting death tolls running into thousands—while Britain had a 30-century calamity that led to the Government instituting a £1,000,000 distress fund.

The latest catastrophe, however, is the worst sea-flood Britain has suffered for over a hundred years.

The incredible damage that tons upon tons of wind-driven seawater can do when it smashes with battering ram force upon brick, cement or steel must be seen to be believed.

In the autumn of 1948, for instance, some 30 oil companies had just completed the first batch of steel "island" platforms for undersea drilling in the Gulf of Mexico. And, that same autumn, an abnormally severe hurricane blew up.

The platforms, fashioned from massive steel girders and plates, looked as safe and solid as the most robust pier. They had been designed, moreover, to withstand exposure to hurricanes. Yet, when the fifty-foot waves of the Gulf hammered against them, while a 120-mile-an-hour wind wrenched at their bolts, thick steel struts and sheets were ripped loose as though they were made of plywood and canvas. Several of the platforms disappeared without trace.

Fortunately, owing to the speed with which the oil meteorological teams had flashed warning of the hurricane's approach, no lives were added to the material loss. The oil men rebuilt their damaged platforms and resumed their difficult task.

But recent experience shows the frailty of man's works when they are exposed to the full force of the elements. Everyone who depends for security upon some sea wall knows this—only too well. They also know, as now the whole nation knows, the terrible consequences that follow when the sea wall crumbles and the ocean has its way.

With these hands

SECOND DAY OF
THIS CROWNING YEAR

With these hands now folded in repose—drawn by ROBB with the co-operation of Lambeth Palace—the Archbishop of Canterbury will crown Elizabeth as Queen on June 2...

ON his right hand the archbishop, Dr Geoffrey Fisher, wears an Episcopal ring. This ring he must wear "perpetually" as a badge of his holy office.

It is set with an egg-shaped amethyst, is engraved with the arms of the See of Canterbury.

As the archbishop raises aloft the Crown his ring will catch the light, as the rings of his predecessors down the centuries have caught the Coronation glitter.

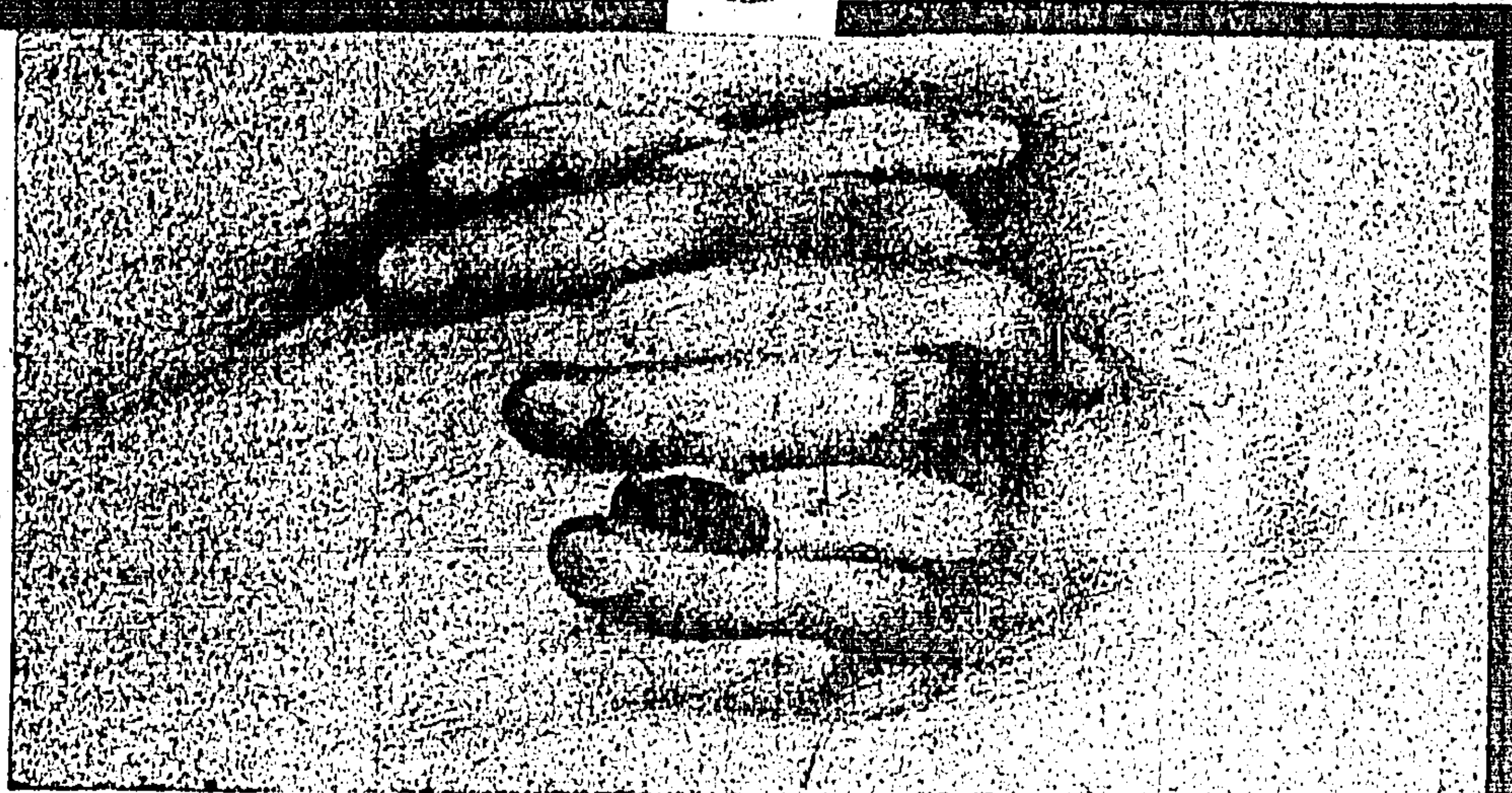
Every bishop and archbishop has an Episcopal ring which he wears for the first time when he is consecrated bishop. Usually friends or relations give it to him in commemoration.

Dr Fisher first wore one when he was consecrated Bishop of Chester in 1932.

He was 57 when he became Archbishop of Canterbury in 1945—the youngest archbishop of modern times.

But he will not be the youngest archbishop to crown the Sovereign this century. Dr Randall Thomas Davidson, the Archbishop of Canterbury who crowned King George V was only 63.

Dr Fisher will be 66 the month before the crowning.



studded with rubies, emeralds, sapphires, diamonds, and a single large amethyst, symbolizes the earth dominated by the authority of Christ. This is put into the Queen's hands then carried to the Altar.

On the fourth finger of her right hand the archbishop places the Wedding Ring of England, a sapphire set in diamonds with the Cross of St. George set in rubies. Thus is she united with her Peoples and they with her in the responsibilities now laid upon her.

"Receive this Ring," says the archbishop, "the emblem of queenly dignity, and of defence of the Catholic Faith," to which in the creed she has assented.

The most ancient of all the symbols of royalty are the two sceptres now placed in her gloved hands. Each is surmounted by a symbol of the Christian faith. A cross on one stands for love that fulfils itself in sacrifice. The figure of a dove on the other symbolizes the Holy Spirit in whose strength alone kings may rule.

The Crown

ON the High Altar is the Crown of St. Edward. As the other bishops move down to the Queen, the dean brings the Crown, resting on a purple cushion. The archbishop lifts it. Firmly he places it upon the head of the Queen.

All around her, like a scintillating sea, there is silent movement as peers assume their coronets, the barons their caps, and the kings-of-arms their crowns. The Abbey bursts into music from end to end.

At a signal from the roof of the Abbey, the guns in St. James's Park. Fanfares are blown in the Abbey and its bells ring out to the crowds outside.

In sudden silence as the echoes die away, the archbishop hands the Queen a Bible: "We present you with this book, the most valuable thing that this world affords."

The Sacrament

THE Queen removes her Crown and offers the archbishop Bread and Wine for the Holy Communion, which now proceeds.

In deeply moving simplicity a young wife and mother will kneel alone. At a faldstool near the Altar she receives from the archbishop the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ.

The King of Kings is one with the young Queen: "Thy will be done," she says as she presses herself "her soul and body to be a living sacrifice."

And the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II has taken place.

But why have a Coronation... WHEN ELIZABETH IS ALREADY THE QUEEN?

THE Queen is already Queen. She has been reigning now for over a year. So why then—some will ask—why then all the elaborate ceremonies of Coronation in Westminster Abbey?

This time-lag between Accession and Coronation is a fairly modern thing. There were past centuries when the new Sovereign was not made King until his Coronation.

But the two occasions are quite different. They called it, 1,000 years ago, not "The Coronation" but the Consecration or Sacring of the Sovereign.

The Accession to the Throne is a legal and constitutional act. The Coronation is through and through religious. It takes place within the majestic setting of the Church's highest act of worship.

No sooner has the Queen taken her seat on entering than she moves to four corners of the "chambre" or sanctuary.

Acclamations will ring out as the archbishop repeats four times: "Sirs, I present unto you Queen Elizabeth, your undoubted Queen." The trumpets will sound.

Nicene Creed

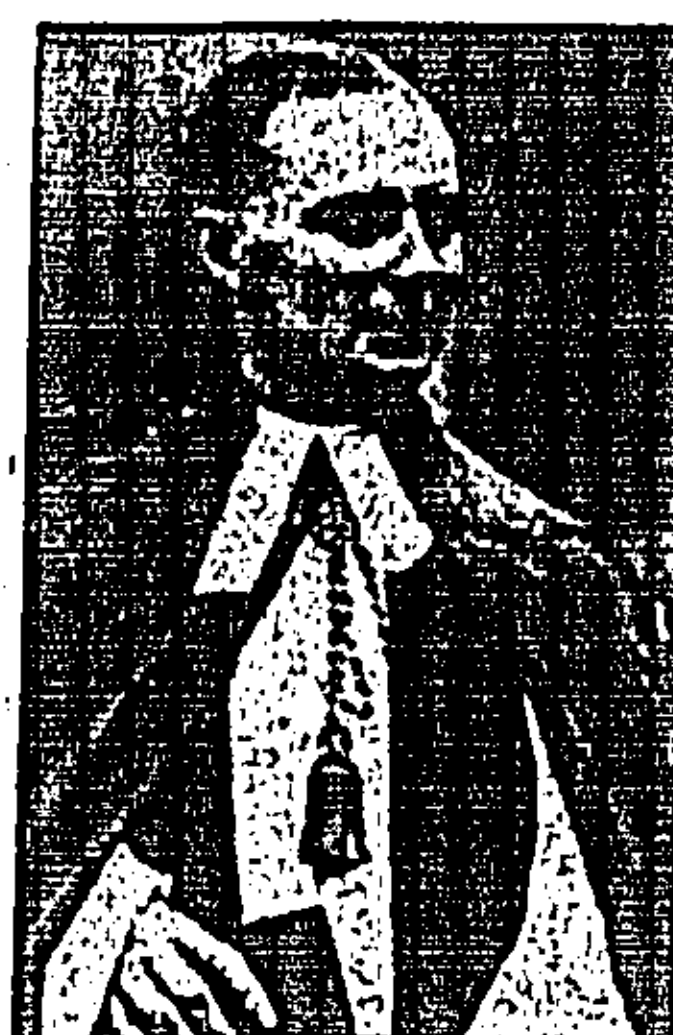
THIS is the Accession ratified by the welcome of the people and by the Queen herself as she solemnly repeats the traditional oaths to preserve the Christian religion of her country.

Now the atmosphere changes. We might be back in any village church, as the archbishop begins

the Holy Communion. After the Epistle ("Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the Queen") and the Gospel ("Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's"), there is proclamation of the faith of Christians—the Nicene Creed.

Here, for a time, the Holy Communion stops. As the Queen kneels, the choir sings softly: "Come Holy Ghost, our souls inspire."

The solemn, central act of "Sacring" is beginning. The archbishop takes a solid gold model of an eagle, nine inches high: the Ampulla. In it is oil that has already been blessed. "O Lord, Holy Father, who by anointing with oil didst of old make and consecrate



Canon HUGH WARNER

—As personal chaplain to Dr. William Temple, then Archbishop of York, was present in the Sanctuary of Westminster Abbey when King George VI was crowned on May 12, 1937. Today Canon Warner—

explains the deep symbolism of it all

kings, priests, and prophets, to teach and govern thy people Israel; Bless thy servant Elizabeth now to be anointed with this oil and consecrated Queen." So is the meaning of this act expressed in prayer.

The Queen is disrobed of her crimson cloak by the Lord Great Chamberlain, and moves across to the ancient Chair of King Edward. As she sits, Knights of the Garter come forward carrying a rich pall of cloth of gold, suspended on poles, and this they place directly over her, hiding her from view.

Holy Oil

A LITTLE of the Holy Oil has been poured into a golden spoon. Dipping two fingers into the oil, the

archbishop anoints the Queen in the form of a cross, first on the palm of each hand, then on the breast, and finally on the crown of her head.

The Dean of Westminster invests the Queen with three priestly vestments—a long white linen garment (the Colobium Sindonis), the Supertunica, and the Girdle.

The Queen has been consecrated to her great office. The sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit have been given.

We are now carried back to the days of knightly and ancient chivalry as the Golden Spurs are brought for the Queen to touch. A sword, first placed upon the Altar, is carried to the Queen, thus symbolizing that for her power of life and death she is responsible to God.

A stole is placed round her neck, for she is "yoke-fellow" with Christ in the carrying out of her responsibilities. Golden eagles are woven into the material which makes the Imperial Mantle, now placed around her shoulders. It is four-square to suggest the four quarters of the world, all subject to the sovereignty of Christ.

A large ball of pure gold, the Orb, surmounted by a cross

SASSENACHS FALL FOR HAGGIS

By J. W. Taylor

London, Feb. 8. The Sassenachs are cashing in on a haggis boom. Not only Scottish but housewives in all parts of south of the Border have been quick to notice that for the first time since the war REAL haggis is being produced in quantity.

This has been reflected in recent Burns' Night celebrations by Spots at home and abroad. They marked the greatest consumption of haggis since before the war. For weeks before the celebrated 25th night, butchers and provisions merchants throughout Scotland were inundated with orders for the "great chieftain," and a feature of this year's trade was the avalanche of reservations from people in all parts of the United Kingdom who had no claim to Scottish ancestry. Orders from abroad, too, have surpassed all previous figures.

In former years haggis has been chiefly eaten by Scots fathers and mothers attending Burns suppers or Saint Andrew's oil relays.

Among his late Old Year orders was one from a Scot in London who has since left for Lisbon. It was sent on its way to him after surviving a check-through the Customs, to find the "haggis" could later mysteriously appear at a notice that haggis today is the

real thing—none of this wartime utility stuff now. Almost everywhere it is made nowadays with nothing but the best going into it, which is a big help. The small meat ration, and housewives up and down the United Kingdom, have been quick to spot this, hence the terrific demand for haggis in the last few months.

All along the 1953 haggis front are reports of heavy extra demands for Burns suppers. One Northeast firm of bacon curriers have reported that their recent production of haggis was several tons above normal, and that though they have a fair stock still of the necessary ingredients, they could do with yet more to meet orders still coming in.

A leading Aberdeen butcher, who has kept to the old recipe of sheep's liver, heart, and lungs, with meat and onion, complains that much of the nation's haggis is frozen, with all the haggis frozen before it is shipped to this country. His production is restricted only by the shortage of sheep "plucks." Although he could make more by producing an inferior haggis, he prefers to stick to production and stick to the old recipe.

Says one large purveyor of it: "People have been quick to notice that haggis today is the

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MURDER OR THE SACK

New York. EX-STEVEDORE Dominick Genova startled the State Crime Commission.

On oath, he said he lost his New York dock job for refusing to murder a milk roundman for his foreman, ex-convict John Applegate.

The milk roundman had slashed "Appie" in a bar-room brawl. He had to go to hospital for plastic surgery. Later, someone else machine-gunned the milk roundman in West 47th Street.

And Genova said he was being driven to his own execution when the driver relented, let him out of the car and told him to vanish.

AFTER he gave this testimony, Genova vanished again, this time through the courtroom side door, surrounded by policemen.

Sitting in the courtroom waiting to testify—were bosses of Genova's old stevedore union, Local 834. Some are ex-convicts. They are accused of running the union at the pistol point.

Local 834 controls work on Cunniff's piers. Genova will get his reward: suspension of a jail sentence imposed for

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They think he may not be free long—alive, that is. He turned against the underworld, and the underworld will want vengeance.

BRITAIN'S Mary Manning is dead, at 77. At the turn of the century she was a great Broadway and West End star.

Said producer David Bolasco, years after her marriage to actor James K. Hackett, a matinee idol of the day: "She had a marvellous beauty—dignified and queenly. She was unapproachable to those unable to penetrate her beautiful austerity."

DOCTORS are using TV sets in their offices in place of the old dog-eared magazines to keep waiting patients patient.

TO London and U.S. embassies and consulates in 300 cities around the world a message from Secretary of State John Foster Dulles has been flashed.

It warned the 10,000 diplomatic employees of his Foreign Ministry that he will demand

"competence, discipline and positive loyalty" from every one of them. The diplomatic service is in for a shake-up.

NATURAL vision, the three-dimensional film system which requires picturegoers to wear spectacles, apparently is winning-out in Hollywood, over its rivals, Cinemascope and the British Triopticon system. Three major studios have now announced plans to make feature pictures in natural vision.

THE Queen's effect on an American is described by Page H. Porter in a letter to the editor of Time magazine from Heswall, Cheshire.

"Not many months ago I came here with, among other things, a slightly hostile curiosity about the meaning of this royalty business," he writes.

"Not without surprise, I found in myself the same affectionate respect for the Queen, and at the same time an understanding of the English, perhaps the British, and what they value and will work for."

"THE silkworm turns," says the Wall Street Journal. It reports a big comeback of natural silk for women's dresses. It is being blended with synthetic rayon and orlon. U.S. output is up from 9,000,000 yards in 1949 to 25,000,000 in 1952.

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Just Like A Honeymoon

THEY met in a mental hospital. She was there as a voluntary patient, having some nerve-trouble cleared up; he came from the Army to be cured of a similar disorder.

In those unlikely surroundings they fell in love with each other—she, a pretty brunette, with a tip-tilted nose and laughing eyes; and he, a dapper, small man, brown-haired and with a neatly-trimmed moustache. Her name was Patricia, his, James.

There came the day when the doctors examined James and declared him cured of his illness. He packed his bags, and made his farewells to the hospital staff, and tenderly bade good-bye to Patricia. Then he went off to find himself work and fit himself into the strange world of civilians.

PATRICIA watched him go away, and now there was no longer any laughter in her eyes. For with James gone, the hospital, that had for so long seemed like a second home to her, assumed a quite new aspect. Now, it was like a prison, and though she had plenty of company, Patricia felt as desolate and lonely as if she had been in solitary confinement.

The hands of the hospital clock ticked round the dial, and when James had been gone for an hour, it seemed to Patricia that his absence had lasted for months. At last, she could stand the loneliness no longer. She packed her bags, shrugged off the good advice that was proffered, quit the hospital, and went in search of James.

She soon found him, and one week later, at a registry office, Patricia and James were married.

JAMES by now had a porter's job in a hotel in the outskirts of London. He explained his new status to the management, and they kindly took on Patricia to work as a chambermaid.

It was an admirable arrangement, but, unfortunately, the arrangement did not last for very long. James was good at his job, but Patricia often fell down on hers, for—she was scarcely fit enough yet to do it. There were complaints about her, warnings, and one day James and Patricia had to pack their bags again and leave the hotel.

They came to London, and when the little money they possessed was gone, James suggested a means of coming by more. "We'll go to Sidcup," he said, "and steal something. He said, 'plenty to steal in a place like Sidcup.'"

The couple took single tickets to the target area. When they got there, Patricia said: "I don't think we should steal."

"All right," said James, accommodatingly. "I got another idea, then. If we go back to London without a ticket the coppers'll pick us up, then some court'll probably find us a job, sec?"

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The magistrate thought for a moment or two, then agreed that Miss Hamilton should do as she had suggested. The couple were shown from the dock.

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OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

The Good Earth Continues To Yield Rich Minerals

By H. KING WOOD

Sydney, Feb. 6.

Just as Nature, for some unknown reason, continues to look after us and produces magnificent crops from the soil (our present wheat harvest is a near-record from the smallest acreage since 1923) so the land itself contains most of those things which, properly exploited, must in time make this a really great country.

Mines Director of the Northern Territory, R. W. Coxon, has reported that mines in Arnhem Land could well produce more than £1-million worth of ores in the next five years.

Experts, he said, were investigating rich and extensive silver lead deposits in an area which already contains the richest known bauxite deposits in Australia. In the Northern Territory, too, is the largest known find of uranium in the world.

In NSW the Minister for Mines, Mr. Arthur, has announced that his officers have located in the last five years fields of about 250-million tons of coal. All is of good quality and much could be worked by cheap, open cut methods.

And for amateur miners.... In an outback NSW town, two fossicking miners struck a line of tin which returned them £1,000 in two days. Reports rate it the richest tin find in the State.

Four South Australian wolfram mines have earned £9,380 for three months' work at the Green Diamond Mine, near Alice Springs in Central Australia. Last week they put 50 tons of ore through the Government crusher, taking out seven tons of wolfram worth £1,340 a ton. In two years the mine has returned the men over £28,000.

FAME BUT NO FUTURE

There was fame, but no future in life for the pig that bought the record price of £61 at a recent livestock sale.

Said the auctioneer: "You've never seen a pig like this one. The butchers just couldn't keep their eyes off her."

"She was a picture."

A pork butcher bought her, looked her over, gave her a friendly pat on the rump and announced:

"We'll turn her into sausages."

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Mysteriously Disappears



Berlin newspapers recently reported the strange disappearance of Wilhelm Koenig, President of the National Front, the biggest Communist Mass Organisation in the Eastern Zone of Germany. It is believed that his disappearance has something to do with the recent 'clean up' among the politicians of the GDR. He is a member of Ulbricht's and Pieck's Party and it is believed that he is now with friends in the Western Sector.—London Express.

British Flood Disaster Fund

Total as at 4 p.m. yesterday—Sterling £25-10-0, US\$40.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. J. Brooks	20
Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Reid	10
Mr. and Mrs. D. Breingan	10
Anonymous	50
Anonymous	25
Mr. and Mrs. R. H. J. Brooks	20
Mrs. Winifred Flynn	25
Mr. and Mrs. Roy B. Anderson	20
Anonymous	10
Alison	10
Mr. J. H. Seid	100
Mrs. G. T. Lloyd	25
Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Robertson	250

Total at 11 a.m. today HK\$5,785

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"She Stoops To Conquer"

Sir,—Your critic of "She Stoops To Conquer" complained that he 'could not forget that the players were ACTING a play.' He was not supposed to forget it. The naturalistic manner is a twentieth-century innovation. This play was written in the eighteenth century when the conventions of the theatre were quite different. If we are to be criticised let us at least be criticised on reasonable grounds 'and not for not doing something which it would have been wrong to attempt. You can't use the same style for Goldsmith and Rutigan, and a critic should be prepared for some pretty considerable differences and not go to every play with the same set of preconceptions.

If "She Stoops To Conquer" never "loses the tang of the Slough Form Dramatic Group" for your critic, then he is to be pitied. If each new reading or performance—however mediocre—of any play does not add to his understanding of it, then he is to be pitied—but he is hardly fit for employment as a dramatic critic.

And surely it might have occurred to him that the most likely reason that the candles were not lit was that we were not allowed to light them?

Mr. Hardcastle is not Tony Lumpkin's father.

D. H. J.

Tug Sent To Rescue Of Freighter

Arrangements were made this morning to send a tug to rescue the Panamanian freighter La Colorado which ran aground off Tournay, Indo-China at about 2 a.m. today when on route to Hongkong from Singapore.

Ming Sung Industrial Co. Ltd., owners of the 2,474-ton vessel said the La Colorado was in ballast.

In command of the motor vessel is Capt. B.H. Chow.

Meanwhile, the Norwegian freighter Prosper, which grounded off Lamong Island, south-east of Lyemum Pass, on Saturday night, is still stranded. A lighter is still alongside taking on cargo from the distressed ship. Eight other lighters, sent out on Monday to bring back some 400 tons of cargo, returned last night.

Rescue tugs are standing by off the Prosper to carry out salvage. Prosper was on her way to Bangkok when she ran ashore.

Deportee Found Gambling

Chung Yam, a 23-year-old stall roki, of 10 Tai On Terrace, second floor, was fined \$10 for gambling on three months' hard labour for breach of a deportation order by Mr. R. W. S. Winter at Central today.

Two others, Ng Ching-fai, 23, stall roki and Lam Sheung-ping, 30, barber were each fined \$10 each for gambling in the street.

Sub-Inspector R. A. Patterson, prosecuting, said that the defendants were found playing "Sam Kung" at 10.20 p.m. on Monday at Wilmes Street near Des Voeux Road West.

Radio Hongkong

6. Programme Summary: 8.02, Melody with the stars; 8.30, Nothing but Music; 9. Time Signal, World News and News Report; 9.30, Forces Favourites (Radio); 10.00, Weather Report; 10.15, La Demi-heure Française (Studio); 10.30, Letter from America by Alvin Cooke (London Relay); 10.45, Piano Playings by Kenneth Dinahy (Concert Hall); 11.00, Hearing presented by Donald Brooks (Studio); 11.30, Musical Notebook presented by the Rev. Father T. J. Law (Studio); 11.50, News and Law-Report Show Chronicle; 12.15, The Ballad of Les Petits Riens at the Ballet; 12.30, Symphony Orchestra, by Leo Black; 1.00, Les Petits Riens (Musette); 1.15, Royal Opera House, Opera Garden, presented by Hugo Rhinold; 1.45, Dancings with the Stars; 2.00, Weather Report; 2.15, Radio News (Recorded); 2.30, News (Radio); 2.45, Goodnight Music; 3.00, The Queen; 3.30, Close Down.

COURT ACTION OVER CARBON BLACK

Allegations that the carbon black supplied by defendants did not bear the label contracted for were made in a claim by Wing Yip Hong, merchants, of 83 Connaught Road, Central, for return of \$30,755 deposit paid, before the Paine Judge, Mr Justice Reece, in the Supreme Court this morning.

Plaintiffs are also claiming loss of profit or difference between the contract and market prices on five metric tons of "Meteor" carbon black, at 10 cents per lb, amounting to \$1,023.30, and damages for breach of contract.

Defendants are the United Trade Developments Ltd, merchants, of 1 Duddell Street.

Appearing for plaintiffs is Mr. Patrick Yu, instructed by Hastings and Company. Mr. Oswald V. Cheung, instructed by Mr. P. L. Lam represents defendants.

The statement of claim stated: By a contract in writing dated August 13, 1951, defendants sold and agreed to ship from Germany and deliver to the plaintiffs in Hongkong five metric tons of carbon black "Meteor" at \$6.20 per lb. In accordance with the terms of the contract, plaintiffs paid to defendants \$30,755 in part payment of the purchase price. Plaintiffs, as defendants well knew, required the goods for resale in Hongkong at a profit. Plaintiffs were unable to purchase similar goods on the market and were unable to supply their customers and lost a profit they would have made on resale.

THE DEFENCE

The statement of defence stated: Defendants duly shipped the goods which arrived at December 21, 1951. Plaintiffs were notified. On January 3, 1952, plaintiffs intimated intention of not taking delivery on the ground that the goods were not carbon black "Meteor" but "Double Chain" carbon black. They finally rejected the goods.

Defendants said that the label "Double Chain" was merely defendants' own label as importers and such label, if so desired, could have been easily removed. Defendants say plaintiffs committed breach of the contract by not accepting the goods and in consequence they are entitled to forfeit such deposit of \$30,755.

Mr. Yu said that upon inspection of the goods by the plaintiffs, they were found to be a different brand. As a result plaintiffs refused to accept the goods.

Counsel said that the defence statement suggested that the goods were in fact "Meteor" although labelled "Double Chain", and plaintiffs were compelled to accept essentially the same goods as they had rejected.

Mr. Yu referred to clause 8 of the contract which provided that the buyers should accept substitutes shipped by the suppliers in quantity and price. These were the two points that the Court should decide upon, Counsel said.

After referring to the law, Mr. Yu submitted that plaintiffs were under no obligation to accept the goods which bore a different brand.

NOT HELD BY CLAUSE

He further submitted that although his clients signed the contract they were not held and bound by clause 8 for two reasons, namely: That the clause was essentially a clause relating to defective plaintiffs of the right to receive the goods bargained for and that the clause did not operate against his clients, and Counsel cited authorities to support his contentions.

Man Po-hon in evidence said he was an employee of the plaintiff firm. He had been buying and selling carbon black for six years.

Witness said that accompanied by a surveyor and a representative from the defendant firm he inspected the goods and found that the brand on them was "Double Chain" and not "Meteor". He added that the "Meteor" was for resale to a factory in Hongkong and defendants knew of this fact.

Cross-examined by Mr. Cheung, witness denied that the price of "Meteor" was \$5 per lb. The price of \$6.20 was the price offered them by the buyers.

Counsel suggested that the reason why plaintiffs did not take delivery of the goods was that the price had fallen to \$4 per lb. and that even at that price there was no demand. Witness denied the suggestion, and said that the reason for their refusal to accept was because the goods bore a different brand. Hearing is continuing.

Living Language

Why we say Arena.

An "arena" is any place where a personal conflict takes place, man to man. Hence the House of Commons is termed "a political arena." The word comes from the Latin arena, signifying sand, from the sand strewn on the floor of the Coliseum of ancient Rome to absorb the blood of combatants.

Mail Notices

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

By Air
Indo-China, France, French North & West Africa, 4.30 p.m., Air Vietnam.
Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 5 p.m., P.A.L.
Malaya, Ceylon, Rangoon, Burma, Pakistan, Middle East, Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m., B.O.A.C.
By Surface
Macao, 9 a.m., 6 p.m., as Lee Hong/Tak Shing.
Mekong, 9 a.m., 6 p.m., as Lee Hong/Tak Shing.
India, Aden, M.M. die East, Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m., as Ceylon.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

By Air
Formosa, Japan, 9 a.m., via C.A.T.
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 4.30 p.m., C.P.A.
Formosa, Okinawa, U.S.A., (New York), Canada, 6 p.m., H.K.A./N.V.A.
Indo-China, (Tonkin only), 4.30 p.m., C.P.A.
By Surface
Macao, 9 a.m., 6 p.m., as Lee Hong/Tak Shing.
China, Republic, 6.30 a.m., train via Canton.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Formosa, 9 a.m., via C.A.T.
Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., (San Francisco), 5 p.m., C.P.A.
Siam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m., B.O.A.C.
Philippines, N. Borneo, 4.30 p.m., C.P.A.

RICHLY REWARDED SOLUTION

IT is not difficult to guess the answer to this puzzle. But it is not so easy to solve mathematically. If the side of the larger cube is m inches, and the side of the smaller is n inches, then $(m-n)^3 = m^3 - n^3$. But m and n are integers, so $(m-n)^3$ is 1, 8 or 27. But $m^3 - n^3$ is here an integral solution for $(m-n)^3 = m^3 - n^3$. Hence the answer is 1000 cubic inches.

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